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Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the Bear Creek Angus Conservation Easement Restatement.

I choose Alternative A. I agree with FWP. To reinstate.

#2

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Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the Bear Creek Angus Conservation Easement Restatement.

I support the proposed restatement of the Bear Creek Angus Conservation Easement. This has always been a complex easement, with much uncertainty about future actions that could be taken by future landowners. The proposed restatement resolves a good part of this uncertainty, and strengthens the overall conservation protections for this ranch.

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Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the Bear Creek Angus Conservation Easement Restatement.

I support the changes to the BEAR CREEK ANGUS CONSERVATION EASEMENT.

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Contact information:

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Q2

Please comment on the Bear Creek Angus Conservation Easement Restatement.

I agree with the agency's recommendation to implement alternative A.

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Please comment on the Bear Creek Angus Conservation Easement Restatement.

Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission
1420 East Sixth Avenue
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RE: Bear Creek Angus Conservation Easement Restatement

Dear Montana FWP Commission:

On behalf of the Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers' roughly 3,000 dues-paying members, we submit the following comments regarding the Bear Creek Angus Conservation Easement Restatement.

We are concerned about the precedent that renegotiating easement terms could set, but the restatement of Bear Creek Angus CE seems like a win-win. It removes one acre from the current 768-acre easement, so that the landowner can sell the current home and buildings located on that parcel. In exchange, the restatement will remove 23.5 acres of building envelopes from the 40 acres in the current easement, preserving that land for habitat and wildlife. Of particular interest to our group, is the removal of the currently undeveloped building envelope adjacent to the Bear Creek WMA, giving further protection of habitat consistently used by wintering elk and deer.

While changing terms to an easement is not something we want to see happen with any regularity, we appreciate that these specific amendments to the terms being done so in a way that follows a public process and stands to be a net gain in line with the original purpose and intent of the conservation easement, in this case, habitat protection.

With all this in mind, we encourage the commission to approve the Bear Creek Angus Ostler Portion Conservation Easement restatement as proposed.

Sincerely,
Chris McCarthy
Gallatin Board member
Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
